

The Director

Bill:

In accordance with our earlier conversation concerning the National Security Medal, I feel this will establish the screening mechanism for an orderly review of potential recipients in the Intelligence Community, without procedures being too formalized or structured. Some stress has been placed on the fact that this is the highest intelligence award so as to preclude the submission of inappropriate requests, which might detract from the high honor that is connected with this.

/s/ John F. Blaikie

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